Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the science of Carpentry?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is the Sastraic side of Engineering.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—So it is an Engineer who has been appointed?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there was any inducement for that appointment?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not understand that question.

Debt Conciliation Boards—northern Taluks—constitution of.

97. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any special reason for not constituting Debt Conciliation Boards in the Taluks of Chittur, Talappalli and Trichur;

(b) whether they have no idea of starting Boards in these Taluks?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b). Government want to see how the scheme works and so a Board has been constituted as an experimental measure for the southern taluks. It is the intention of Government to bring the whole State under the scheme if the experiment now started is found to be beneficient and successful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in the matter of getting this urgent relief to the hard hit agriculturists of the villages are we to be at the mercy of the working of the Conciliation Board here through the persons whom you have appointed—there is absolutely no insinuation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The position was sufficiently explained the other day.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—In view of the motion having passed may I know whether the Government will maintain the same position or whether they will reconsider the matter?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government will consider.

Purchase of Stores—particulars regarding.

98. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in the matter of purchase of stores for use in the various Departments of Government what is the proportion of Indian made goods to foreign ones;

(b) whether it is not possible to have all the stores purchased to be of Indian Make?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) No statistics have been maintained.

(b) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will you please consider the policy of preference being given to Indian Goods?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—We are doing it now. The question is whether all the stores can be purchased. Unfortunately all the stores that we want are not made in India, for example clocks, time-pieces, etc.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—How was it possible to give the answer without knowing the statistics?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—We know as a matter of fact scientific instruments, watches, etc. are not manufactured in India. There are many other things which are not manufactured at present in India.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will you mention one?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I have mentioned many.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Is it the view of the Government that such of the things as are made in India will be purchased?

Mr. President.—The policy of the Government is to purchase Indian made goods whenever they are available.

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